



[OMB Number 1117-0038]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection of eComments Requested;
Extension without Change of a Previously Approved Collection;
Reporting and Recordkeeping for Digital Certificates**

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day Notice.

SUMMARY: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Department of Justice, is submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection was previously published in the *Federal Register* at 87 FR 32057 on May 26, 2022, allowing for a 60-day comment period.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 30 days until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Scott A. Brinks, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (571) 776-2265. Written comments and/or suggestions may also be sent to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, D.C. 20503, or sent to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information proposed to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Reporting and Recordkeeping for Digital Certificates.
3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:*

Form Numbers:

DEA Form 251: CSOS DEA Registrant Certificate Application.

DEA Form 252: CSOS Principal Coordinator/Alternate Coordinator Certificate Application.

DEA Form 253: CSOS Power of Attorney Certificate Application.

DEA Form 254: CSOS Certificate Application Registrant List Addendum.

The Department of Justice component is the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Affected public (Primary): Business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): None.

Abstract: DEA collects information in regard to reporting and recordkeeping for digital certificates. The application for a digital certificate is required to ensure that the person applying for the certificate is either a DEA registrant or someone who has power of attorney from a DEA registrant to sign orders for Schedule I and II substances. The DEA Certification Authority uses the information to verify the person's identity and eligibility to hold a DEA-issued digital certificate.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an*

average respondent to respond: DEA estimates a total of 94,011 respondents annually.

Each response takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the proposed collection:*

DEA estimates that this collection takes 187,032 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required, please contact: Robert Houser, Assistant Director, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, Suite 3E.206, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: July 26, 2022.

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U.S. Department of Justice.

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